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SUBJECT: US FIRM RELUCTANT TO FULFILL CONTRACT
WITH ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES (EAL)

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2053

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, DEPT CONTACTED R.B. MCKNIGHT
FOR DISCUSSION OF LINK CONCERNS OVER SAFETY OF TECHNICIAN
TO BE SENT TO ADDIS ABABA FOR INSTALLATION OF FLIGHT
SIMULATOR.

2. MCKNIGHT INDICATED THAT COMPANY HAS RECEIVED
MESSAGE FROM EAL WITH ASSURANCES OF SAFETY, AND SAID
THAT HE AND COMPANY MANAGEMENT ARE AWARE POTENTIAL
DAMAGE THAT CONTRACT NON-FULFILLMENT WILL CAUSE NOT
ONLY TO EAL-LINK RELATIONS BUT ALSO TO LINK REPUTATION
GENERALLY.

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3. MCKNIGHT SAID THAT CURRENT COMPANY VIEW IS ONE OF
"WAIT AND SEE", AND THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETELY REJECTED
IDEA OF SENDING TECHNICIANS AS REQUIRED BY CONTRACT.
HOWEVER, MAJOR CONCERN IS FOR SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND
THEY WISH TO ASSESS RISKS FURTHER BEFORE DISPATCHING
PEOPLE TO ADDIS ABABA AS REQUIRED BY CONTRACT.

4. COMMENT: MCKNIGHT SAID THAT SINGER REP IN WASHINGTON HAS CONTACTED DEPT AND HAS CONVEYED IMPRESSION TO LINK THAT "TRAVEL ADVISORY" WAS FOR ALL VISITORS RATHER THAN FOR TOURISTS ONLY. DEPT WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ATTITUDE OF LINK, AND REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY KEEP DEPT INFORMED OF EAL AND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD SITUATION.

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